



State of Arizona  
**Department of Education**

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Superintendent of  
Public Instruction

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**MEMORANDUM**

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**To:** Sponsors of the National School Lunch Program

**From:** Mary Szafranski, Deputy Associate Superintendent  
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**RE:** Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program

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The Arizona Department of Education is pleased to announce the United States Department of Agriculture's (USDA) Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program will be operating in Arizona in the 2009-2010 school year. The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) provides funding to Arizona schools so they can provide a variety of fresh fruit and vegetables to students throughout their school day.

The goal of the FFVP is to create healthier school environments by providing healthier food choices, expand the variety of fruits and vegetables children experience, increase children's fruit and vegetable consumption and make a difference in children's diets to impact their present and future health.

Arizona will receive approximately \$1.45 million from USDA to distribute to Arizona schools. The amount of funds allocated to each school will be based on school enrollment. The per student allocation will be between \$50-\$75 for the 2009-2010 school year.

Schools must meet the following criteria in order to apply:

- Participate in the National School Lunch Program (NSLP). Schools must comply with the federal and state guidelines for operating the program.

- Be an elementary school. The definition of an elementary school is any school that serves lunch to students in grades pre-school through 8.
- Have 50 percent or more of its students eligible for free or reduced price meals. The highest priority is given to schools with the highest percentage of low-income students to the maximum extent practicable.
- Include information on their application that contains a program implementation plan that includes efforts to integrate the FFVP with other efforts to promote sound health and nutrition, reduce overweight and obesity, or promote physical activity.

Each school that is interested in participating in the FFVP must complete an application. The application is site based, not district based.

The application can be found on the Arizona Department of Education website:

<http://www.ade.az.gov/health-safety/cnp/nsfp/FFVP>

**Completed applications must be postmarked by Friday, April 24, 2009 to be considered.**

For questions regarding the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program, please contact Kerrie Zigler by phone at (602) 364-2354 or by email at [Kerrie.zigler@azed.gov](mailto:Kerrie.zigler@azed.gov).